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A. KERNBERG, M.D.
General

Dear Mr. Kernberg:

At the request of the executive committee of the alumni association I have agreed to continue as editor of the Stanford Medical Bulletin for a period of time sufficient to determine its permanent disposition. A poll conducted by the executive committee had shown that the alumni were very reluctant to discontinue the Bulletin as had been proposed. The medical school faculty, in response to a letter from the Dean's office, expressed a variety of opinions regarding the worth of the Bulletin, ranging from approval to the recommendation that it be discontinued. Some faculty members and departmental executives, due to the press of more urgent matters or to lack of knowledge of the Bulletin, took no stand. Members of the clinical departments were predominantly in favor of continuing the Bulletin. Some useful suggestions as to its future content were offered in the replies to the letter from the Dean's office.

The executive committee of the alumni association rejected a proposal that the Stanford Medical Bulletin be changed from a scientific journal into a semi-popular alumni magazine such as the Harvard Alumni Bulletin or the Johns Hopkins Alumni Bulletin and preferred to follow along the line already adopted i.e. that of the Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine and the Bulletin of the Johns Hopkins Hospital. At my request the executive committee of the alumni association agreed to drop advertising matter from the Bulletin for the coming year and to issue the Bulletin irregularly rather than quarterly if need arose due to a lack of material.

Several new features will be introduced in forthcoming issues of the Stanford Medical Bulletin: 1) abstracts of papers published by members of the medical school faculty, 2) a clinical-pathological conference, 3) texts

of special lectures and seminars given in the medical school, 4) reviews of general progress or of special topics in the clinical and pre-clinical sciences, to be solicited through the departmental executives. In addition the possibilities of editorial participation and the publication of papers by students will be explored. Finally, papers will be solicited from various departments of the school of humanities and sciences, the school of law and the school of education.

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Would you be willing to write
an article of the kind referred
to above (4) and to designate
a member of your department
who would furnish me with
abstracts (1) above)?